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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all delighted to be welcoming all our children back on 8th March.

All of you have been doing an amazing job with supporting your children whether at home or at school and I want to thank you so much for all your support.

The government have sent out guidance but for primary schools there are no major changes to how we were operating before lockdown.

Prevention

You must always:

- 1) Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend the school.
- 2) Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances.
- 3) Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual.
- 4) Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- 5) Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents.
- 6) Consider how to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible.
- 7) Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.

In specific circumstances:

- 8) Ensure individuals wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) where necessary.
- 9) Promote and engage in asymptomatic testing, where available.

Response to any infection

You must always:

- 10) Promote and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.
- 11) Manage and report confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community.
- 12) Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.

System of controls - Prevention

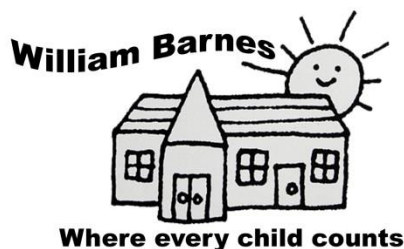
1. Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend the school

When an individual develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or has a positive test Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if:



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- they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- they have had a positive test

They must immediately cease to attend and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

- the start of their symptoms
- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive test (whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test)

You must follow this process and ensure everyone onsite or visiting is aware of it.

Anyone told to isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their public health protection team has a legal obligation to self-isolate, **but you may leave home to avoid injury or illness or to escape risk of harm.** More information can be found on **NHS Test and Trace: how it works.**

If anyone in your school develops a new and continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), you:

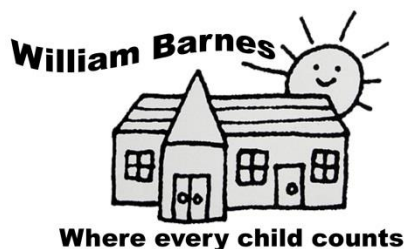
- must send them home to begin isolation-the isolation period includes the day the symptoms started and the next 10 full days
- advise them to follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection
- advise them to arrange to have a test as soon as possible to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)

Other members of their household (including any siblings and members of their support or childcare bubble if they have one) should self-isolate. Their isolation period includes the day symptoms started for the first person in their household, or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms, whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test, and the next 10 full days.



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If a member of the household starts to display symptoms while self-isolating they will need to restart the 10 day isolation period and book a test.

If anyone tests positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they must restart the 10 day isolation period from the day they developed. The above may require school to share pupil/parent contact information with public health officials. This sharing of information is permissible under current law and is in line with data protection guidance covering schools symptoms. In primary schools, we recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and adult visitors in situations where social distancing between adults is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas). Children in primary school do not need to wear a face covering. At William Barnes we are asking that all visitors wear a face covering if they have an appointment to come into school and that all parents/carers/older siblings wear a face covering when dropping off and picking up children from the school.

The summary for the return of our children is as before:

From 8th March all children will return to school. Attendance is now a legal requirement once more.

School uniform will now be worn again. Please can I also remind you that we would like long hair to be tied up and no extreme hair styles or dyed hair.

Primary children are not required to wear face coverings. If they choose to do so they must be secured safely in a container when taken off and hands washed immediately. The face covering must be washed or replaced every day.

Starting times are: Years 5 & 6 8.30, 3&4 8.35, Year 2 8.40, Year 1 and R 8.45.

Reception will now come in at 8.45

Siblings can come in together. Parents will need to leave their child at the school gate. **Please could only one parent accompany a child and please still respect social distancing.**

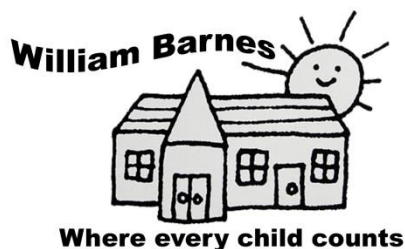
Adults and children are to stand in a socially distanced line behind their Year group signs, which are on the gates, Mrs Wrixon will be on the playground to let you know when to come in.

Please could parents email class teachers to let them know if their child will be coming in at a different time with a sibling.



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Could parents also email to let class teachers know if a child will be picked up later with their older sibling so that the child does not have to wait outside for a longer time.

Breakfast and Afterschool Club will run. There will be a bell at the gate to press so that a member of staff can come out of the hall and welcome the children in and to see them out at the end of the session. Children will sit in Year group tables.

At the end of the day R, 1, 2 will leave at 3.00pm, 3 and 4 at 3.10 and 5 and 6 at 3.15pm. 5 and 6 will come out at the gate to the Recreation ground as before unless requested otherwise. Older children cannot come out earlier and so younger children with older siblings could wait until 3.15 with the teacher if necessary. Please can parents or those picking up, wait in a socially distanced line behind their Year group sign and the teachers will send your child out to you. Please can you then leave straight away and not stay to talk on the driveway.

Please could all children bring in a packed lunch, unless you have ordered a school packed lunch, and a water bottle. Children will not be able to share bottles and we would prefer them to have their own rather than use a cup. (If it is hot please can children bring in a hat and sun cream as necessary) Please do not bring in large bags or large pencil cases. If a child brings in their own pencils or equipment it will need to stay in school. Please try to ensure your child has everything with them when they arrive so that we don't have parents coming back in the day to drop off things. For years 6, 5, 4 and 3 on PE days they will come in their PE kit and school jumper, tracksuit as necessary so that they do not need to change in separate areas.

Our fantastic cleaners have been doing a wonderful job of thoroughly cleaning all the classrooms during the lockdown. They will continue to ensure all key points are thoroughly cleaned every day, along with staff who will also be regularly cleaning key points.

Please can you read through the Risk assessment and talk to your child about any changes and behaviour expectations for return. Please be aware that more staff are now wearing masks around the school and in class.

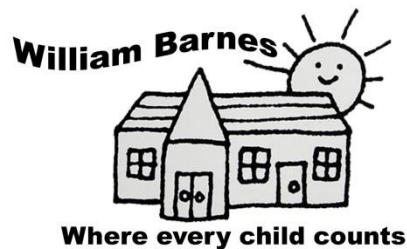
If a child needs to self isolate they will learn remotely at home. Your class teacher will send you details at the time.

Please could all children bring back the laptops that have been loaned to them. If a child needs to self



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isolate and needs a laptop we will loan them out again.

Please could all children bring back the work they have completed at home.

As ever our children are at the heart of everything we all do. Please do not hesitate to email the class teacher or myself if you have any questions.

See you all on the 8th!

Best wishes
Karen Wrixon



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